



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

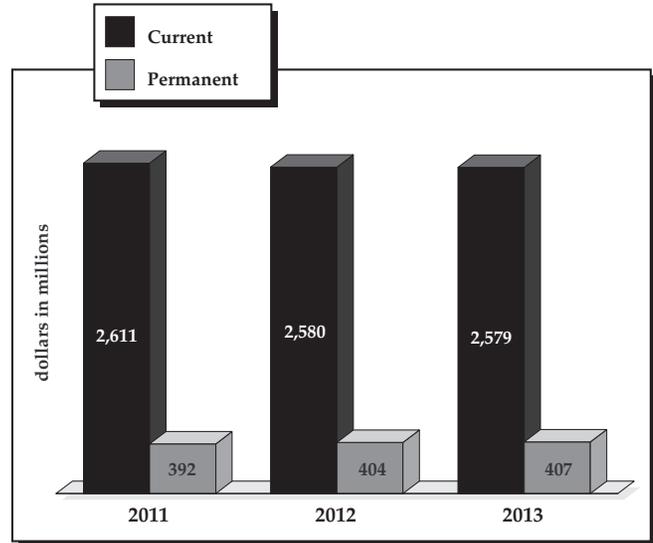
Mission – As stated in its original authorizing legislation, the National Park Service mission is to “preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.”

Budget Overview – The NPS 2013 budget request of \$2.6 billion is \$1.0 million below the 2012 enacted level. The NPS estimates staffing will equal 21,689 full time equivalents in 2013, a reduction of 218 FTE from 2012. The 2013 President’s budget request provides increases totaling \$39.2 million to fund essential programs and emerging operational needs and \$67.2 million in strategic reductions in park and program operations, line-item construction, and heritage partnership programs.

In 2013, NPS will carry on its stewardship of cultural and natural treasures of national significance and continue to provide enriching experiences and enjoyment for all visitors including perhaps the Nation’s most important resource – its youth. The NPS program activities will protect and restore ecosystems, preserve and conserve cultural resources, provide visitors venues for physical activity and natural experiences, and assist States and local communities develop recreational sites and facilities and preserve historic assets. In addition, NPS supports the economic health of gateway communities; every dollar invested in NPS operations generates approximately \$10 in gross sales revenue and every two NPS jobs yields one job outside the NPS.

The 2013 President’s budget request increases funding for programs funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund and maintains funding for historic grant programs which, along with NPS operations, support the President’s America’s Great Outdoors initiative. The increase to Federal land acquisition includes projects that strategically invest in interagency landscape-scale conservation projects while continuing to meet agency-specific programmatic needs. The increase for the State Conservation Grants program includes a new competitive State Conservation grant that would focus on urban landscapes and collaborative conservation.

NPS Funding



America’s Great Outdoors – In 2013, a total of \$2.4 billion is proposed for the National Park Service as part of the Administration’s initiative to reconnect Americans to the outdoors. This includes \$2.3 billion for park operations, as represented by the Operation of the National Park System account, which is an increase of \$13.5 million over 2012. The NPS will continue to engage visitors in the great outdoors and protect and interpret cultural and natural resources. The 2013 budget proposal provides a program increase of \$610,000 for the Challenge Cost Share program, for a total funding level of \$1.0 million. The CCS program, a partnership component of America’s Great Outdoors, provides matching funds to qualified partners for projects that preserve and improve NPS natural, cultural, and recreational resources. The 2013 request also continues to support important ecosystem restoration projects such as in the Everglades and Chesapeake Bay.

The 2013 budget also includes increases for programs funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a vital component of the America’s Great Outdoors initiative. The 2013 budget proposal includes \$59.4 million for Federal land acquisition, an increase of \$2.5 million, and

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FACTS

- In 1916 Congress created the National Park Service also known as “America’s Best Idea.”
- There are 397 park units, which encompass 84.4 million acres in 49 States and four Territories.
- In 2010, over 281 million people visited the Nation’s national parks.
- In 2011, almost 26,000 individual full and part time employees and 229,000 volunteers worked to preserve, protect, and share the history of this land and its people.
- The NPS workforce is made up of archeologists, engineers, curators, biologists, hydrologists, historians, law enforcement officers, and many other disciplines.
- The NPS collaborates with Tribes, States, local governments, nonprofits, and historic property owners who share in preserving the Nation’s shared heritage.

\$60.0 million for LWCF State grants, an increase of \$15.1 million. The 2013 Federal Land Acquisition program builds on efforts started in 2011 and 2012 to strategically invest in interagency landscape-scale conservation projects while continuing to meet agency-specific programmatic needs. The Interior Department and the Forest Service collaborated extensively to develop a process to more effectively coordinate land acquisitions with government and local community partners to achieve the highest priority shared conservation goals.

The Federal Land Acquisition program maintains \$9.0 million in funding for American Battlefield Protection land acquisition grants for non-Federal entities. The budget also requests \$1.4 million for American Battlefield Protection assistance grants in the National Recreation and Preservation account. In addition, the budget sustains funding of \$55.9 million for Historic Preservation Fund grants-in-aid to States, Territories, and Tribes and \$10.0 million for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. These programs support NPS stewardship of important cultural resources and ecosystems, and assist States, local communities, and other groups in developing recreational sites and facilities to protect and conserve important, non-Federal cultural and historic assets.

Park Operations—The 2013 NPS budget request for operations is \$2.3 billion, an increase of \$13.5 million above the 2012 enacted level. The 2013 request for operations funds fixed costs of \$26.0 million and \$12.2 million in program increases for NPS park operations. These increases are offset with \$24.8 million in strategic program reductions to park operations and servicewide programs.

The budget includes a program increase of \$2.0 million for U.S. Park Police operations. Of this amount, \$600,000 will provide additional U.S. Park Police patrols and administrative support at national icons in Washington, D.C. and New York City. The remaining \$1.4 million is for U.S. Park Police activities associated with the 2013

Presidential Inauguration. An increase of \$1.2 million is requested for National Capital Parks, particularly the National Mall, which provides a wide variety of visitor orientation and safety services during the inauguration. The total request for the Presidential Inauguration is \$2.6 million.

The 2013 budget funds emerging operational needs including a \$1.6 million program increase for the implementation of the Financial and Business Management System, a \$1.4 million program increase to fund fee and rate increases for water and sewer service in the District of Columbia, and a \$178,000 program increase to match Canadian funding for Roosevelt-Campobello International Park as stipulated by the park’s authorizing legislation.

The 2013 budget also includes program increases that will enhance critical resource stewardship activities, including an additional \$5.0 million for Climate Change Adaptive Management tools, for a total funding of \$8.0 million, to support climate-related monitoring systems and the development of appropriate land, water, and wildlife adaptation strategies. The NPS monitors the most vulnerable parks in high elevations, high latitudes, arid lands, and coastal areas for climate effects, such as melting permafrost in Alaska and salt marsh salinity along the South Atlantic coast. The NPS takes action to mitigate the effects of climate change on park resources based on feedback obtained by this monitoring. The 2013 proposal includes a program increase of \$250,000 for NPS to expand integrated ocean and coastal stewardship activities by working with its partners at the 74 park units that are adjacent to an ocean or the Great Lakes ecosystem, consistent with the Administration’s Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force report. The NPS will continue restoration activities in key water-based ecosystems, such as the Everglades.

The budget includes program reductions of \$21.6 million, or 1.6 percent, for park base operations and \$1.0

million for servicewide programs. These reductions will be applied strategically to minimize the impact on the visitor experience and park resources. The budget also includes a program reduction of \$2.2 million for the National Performing Arts Program which does not directly impact park operations.

Land Acquisition and State Assistance – The NPS land acquisition program provides funding to acquire land or interests in land to preserve nationally important natural and historic resources. The 2013 budget requests \$59.4 million for NPS Federal land acquisition, an increase of \$2.5 million over the 2012 enacted level. The budget provides \$31.5 million for high priority line item-acquisition projects within park boundaries including important acquisitions within multiple NPS park sites that commemorate the Civil War. The requested funding level also includes \$9.0 million for matching grants for States and local entities to acquire Civil War battlefield sites outside the national park system. The 2013 Federal land acquisition projects were selected using a strategic, merit-based process with a focus on conserving critical ecosystems, leveraging non-Federal partners, and strategic alignment with the conservation priorities of Interior bureaus, Federal agencies, Tribes, States, and other stakeholders. The budget also requests \$3.1 million for emergencies and hardships land acquisitions, \$6.4 million to acquire inholdings and facilitate land donations and exchanges, and \$9.5 million for land acquisition administration.

The LWCF State Grant program provides funding to States for the purchase of lands for preservation and recreation purposes. Based on public input at America's Great Outdoors listening sessions across the Country, the budget recognizes the need for additional recreational access and opportunities at the local level. Therefore, the 2013 request provides a total of \$60.0 million for this program, an increase of \$15.1 million over the 2012 enacted level. Of the funding available for grants, \$36.5 million will continue to be distributed equally to States. The 2013 budget funds a \$20.0 million competitive grant component that supports urban parks and community greenspaces, blueways, and landscape level conservation projects in communities that need them the most. A total of \$3.5 million is available to administer these grants.

Construction – The 2013 request includes \$131.2 million for construction projects, equipment replacement, management, planning, operations, and special projects. The construction budget is \$24.2 million below the 2012 enacted level, primarily due to reductions in line-item construction projects. The budget funds \$52.4 million for line-item construction projects, a \$25.3 million reduction from 2012. It provides funding for only the highest

priority construction projects that are critical to visitor and employee health and safety and does not propose funding new construction projects. In addition, the budget includes reductions of \$760,000 to the Housing Improvement Program and \$228,000 for Equipment Replacement. It also includes program reductions of \$1.5 million to construction program management and operations, \$443,000 to construction planning, and \$450,000 to management planning.

National Recreation and Preservation – This appropriation supports local community efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources. The 2013 request includes \$52.1 million for these programs. In response to the strong public desire for additional technical assistance for public recreation and conservation projects during America's Great Outdoors listening sessions, the 2013 budget maintains \$10.0 million for the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program. The budget funds \$9.3 million for Heritage Partnership Programs, a reduction of \$8.1 million to National Heritage Areas, to encourage self-sufficiency for these non-Federal organizations.

Historic Preservation – The Historic Preservation Fund supports Historic Preservation Offices in States, Territories, and tribal lands to preserve historically and culturally significant sites. The grants awarded by these offices are an important part of the America's Great Outdoors initiative, which aims to connect people with the Nation's cultural and historic assets, among other goals. The 2013 budget request for the Historic Preservation Fund is \$55.9 million. Funds are distributed by formula, based on population and number of historic entities served, along with other criteria.

Recreational Fee Program – This permanent funding program operates under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act. The Act authorizes NPS to collect recreation fees at selected parks and requires that fee revenues be used to improve visitor services and enhance the visitor experience at those parks and throughout the national park system. The NPS estimates in 2013 it will collect \$172.0 million in revenues and obligate \$172.9 million in recreation fees for projects. In 2011, 47 percent of NPS recreation fee obligations addressed asset repair and maintenance projects, 19 percent addressed interpretation and visitor services, and 10 percent addressed habitat restoration. The remaining 24 percent of recreation fee obligations were spent on operational activities such as law enforcement, cost of collecting fees, and visitor reservation services.

Fixed Costs – Fixed costs of \$27.0 million are fully funded in the request.

SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

Comparison of 2013 Request with 2012 Enacted

	2012 Enacted		2013 Request		Change	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Current						
Operation of the National Park System.....	17,008	2,236,568	16,835	2,250,050	-173	+13,482
National Recreation and Preservation	260	59,879	260	52,096	0	-7,783
Historic Preservation Fund.....	0	55,910	0	55,910	0	0
Construction	486	155,366	469	131,173	-17	-24,193
Land Acquisition and State Assistance.....	111	101,897	116	119,421	+5	+17,524
LWCF Contract Authority (rescission).....	0	-30,000	0	-30,000	0	0
Subtotal, Current.....	17,865	2,579,620	17,680	2,578,650	-185	-970
Permanent						
Recreation Fee Permanent Appropriations.....	1,614	187,677	1,614	188,072	0	+395
Other Permanent Appropriations	477	161,217	477	164,310	0	+3,093
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	184	25,004	184	25,004	0	0
Outer Continental Shelf Oil Lease Revenue.....	0	105	0	94	0	-11
LWCF Contract Authority.....	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	0
Subtotal, Permanent.....	2,275	404,003	2,275	407,480	0	+3,477
Allocation and Reimbursable						
Allocation	934	0	901	0	-33	0
Reimbursable	833	0	833	0	0	0
Subtotal, Allocation and Reimbursable	1,767	0	1,734	0	-33	0
TOTAL, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE	21,907	2,983,623	21,689	2,986,130	-218	+2,507

HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

APPROPRIATION: Operation of the National Park System

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	Change
Park Management				
Resource Stewardship	334,420	329,842	333,415	+3,573
Visitor Services	238,733	239,348	237,808	-1,540
Park Protection	364,317	360,669	362,998	+2,329
Facility Ops and Maintenance.....	688,496	683,390	681,807	-1,583
Park Support	457,621	454,400	454,366	-34
Subtotal, Park Management	2,083,587	2,067,649	2,070,394	+2,745
External Administrative Costs	166,463	168,919	179,656	+10,737
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/o transfers)	2,250,050	2,236,568	2,250,050	+13,482
Transfers	277	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (w/ transfers)	2,250,327	2,236,568	2,250,050	+13,482

Detail of Budget Changes

	2013 Change from 2012 Enacted		2013 Change from 2012 Enacted
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+13,482		
Park Management	+2,745	Facility Operations and Maintenance	-1,583
Resource Stewardship	+3,573	Park Base Operations	-7,559
Park Base Operations	-3,957	Central Office and Park Support	-175
Central Office and Park Support	-100	Challenge Cost Share Program.....	+610
Ocean and Coastal Resource Stewardship.....	+250	DC Water and Sewer.....	+1,376
Climate Change Adaptive Management.....	+4,998	Fixed Costs	+4,165
Fixed Costs	+2,382		
Visitor Services.....	-1,540	Park Support	-34
Park Base Operations	-2,688	Park Base Operations	-4,551
2013 Presidential Inauguration (NCA Parks)....	+1,200	Central Office and Park Support	-725
National Capital Performing Arts Program	-2,197	FBMS Implementation	+1,597
Fixed Costs	+2,145	Roosevelt-Campobello Treaty Agreement	+178
		Fixed Costs	+3,467
Park Protection	+2,329	External Administrative Costs	+10,737
Park Base Operations	-2,805	Fixed Costs	+10,737
USPP Security at National Icons	+600		
2013 Presidential Inauguration (USPP)	+1,400	Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Fixed Costs	+3,134	Park Base Operations.....	[-21,560]
		Central Office and Park Support	[-1,000]
		2013 Presidential Inauguration	[+2,600]
		Fixed Costs	[+26,030]

APPROPRIATION: National Recreation and Preservation

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	Change
Recreation Programs.....	587	584	590	+6
Natural Programs.....	11,172	13,354	13,531	+177
Cultural Programs.....	24,882	24,764	24,819	+55
Environmental Compliance and Review.	433	430	434	+4
Grants Administration	1,749	1,738	1,758	+20
International Park Affairs	1,646	1,636	1,648	+12
Heritage Partnership Programs	17,401	17,373	9,316	-8,057
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	57,870	59,879	52,096	-7,783

*Detail of Budget Changes**2013 Change
from 2012 Enacted*

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-7,783
Recreation Programs.....	+6
Fixed Costs	+6
Natural Programs.....	+177
Fixed Costs	+75
Transfer	+102
Cultural Programs.....	+55
Fixed Costs	+157
Transfer	-102
Environmental Compliance and Review.....	+4
Fixed Costs	+4
Grants Administration	+20
Fixed Costs	+20
International Park Affairs	+12
Fixed Costs	+12
Heritage Partnership Programs	-8,057
National Heritage Areas.....	-8,101
Fixed Costs	+44
Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Fixed Costs	[+318]

APPROPRIATION: Historic Preservation Fund

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	Change
Grants-in-Aid				
Grants-in-Aid to States and Territories	46,407	46,925	46,925	0
Grants-in-Aid to Indian Tribes.....	7,984	8,985	8,985	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	54,391	55,910	55,910	0

APPROPRIATION: Construction

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	Change
Line Item Construction.....	121,159	77,722	52,420	-25,302
Special Programs.....	25,026	21,791	20,803	-988
Construction Planning.....	10,104	7,700	7,260	-440
Construction Program Mgmt and Ops	38,527	37,530	37,049	-481
Management Planning	14,830	14,623	13,641	-982
TOTAL APPROPRIATION <i>(w/o rescissions)</i>	209,646	159,366	131,173	-28,193
Rescissions of PY Budget Authority.....	-25,000	-4,000	0	+4,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION <i>(w/ rescissions)</i>	184,646	155,366	131,173	-24,193

See Appendix J for proposed 2013 construction projects.

Detail of Budget Changes

	2013 Change <u>from 2012 Enacted</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	-24,193
Line Item Construction.....	-25,302
Line Item Construction Program	-25,302
Special Programs.....	-988
Housing Improvement Program.....	-760
Equipment Replacement Program.....	-228
Construction Planning.....	-440
Construction Planning.....	-443
Fixed Costs	+3
Construction Program Mgmt and Ops	-481
Denver Service Center Operations	-665
Harpers Ferry Center Operations	-850
Fixed Costs	+406
Transfer	+628
Management Planning	-982
Unit Management Plans.....	-225
Special Resource Studies	-225
Fixed Costs	+96
Transfer	-628
Technical Adjustment Related to One-Time Rescission of PY Budget Authority	+4,000
Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Fixed Costs	[+505]

APPROPRIATION: Land Acquisition and State Assistance

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	Change
Federal Land Acquisition				
Federal Land Acquisition Admin	7,134	9,485	9,500	+15
Emergencies, Hardship, Relocation.....	1,007	2,995	3,069	+74
Inholdings, Donations, Exchanges	5,000	4,992	6,364	+1,372
American Battlefield Protection				
Program Acquisition Grants.....	8,982	8,986	8,986	0
Land Acquisition Projects	32,767	30,511	31,502	+991
Subtotal, Federal Land Acquisition	54,890	56,969	59,421	+2,452
State Assistance				
State Conservation Grants Admin.....	2,794	2,790	3,500	+710
State Conservation Grants	37,126	42,138	36,500	-5,638
Competitive State Grants	0	0	20,000	+20,000
Subtotal, State Assistance.....	39,920	44,928	60,000	+15,072
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	94,810	101,897	119,421	+17,524

See Appendix F for proposed 2013 land acquisition projects.

Detail of Budget Changes

2013 Change
from 2012 Enacted

TOTAL APPROPRIATION	+17,524
Federal Land Acquisition.....	+2,452
Emergencies, Hardships, Relocations	+74
Inholdings, Donations, Exchanges	+1,372
Federal Land Acquisition Projects	+991
Fixed Costs	+15
State Assistance	+15,072
State Conservation Grants Administration	+581
State Conservation Grants	-5,638
Competitive State Grants	+20,000
Fixed Costs	+129
Subtotals for Changes Across Multiple Subactivities	
Fixed Costs	[+144]

APPROPRIATION: Land and Water Conservation Fund Contract Authority

	2011 Actual	2012 Enacted	2013 Request	Change
TOTAL APPROPRIATION (<i>rescission</i>)	-30,000	-30,000	-30,000	0